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Re: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 09-104

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to approve promptly the purchase by AT&T of wireless systems that Verizon Wireless is required to divest in certain rural areas in connection with its ALLTEL acquisition. The FCC has had nearly one year now to consider this transaction, and there is no basis for delaying any further the realization of the many benefits that will result from this transaction.

I understand that AT&T will invest approximately \$400 million to build out its network in connection with this transaction. Most of this investment, moreover, will occur in rural areas, where access to broadband and other advanced telecommunications technologies has lagged. This substantial investment should create jobs and stimulate the economy, which is especially important in difficult economic times like these.

This transaction also will bring AT&T's service to many new areas. Consumers will benefit from having AT&T as an option when shopping for wireless services and devices. As I understand it, AT&T offers its wireless customers a number of unique features, including access to America's fastest third generation (3G) mobile broadband network with simultaneous voice and data capabilities, rollover minutes, the best selection of smartphones and devices, the most apps, and the best international coverage. Even consumers who choose to subscribe to another wireless carrier will benefit from the competitive pressures that AT&T will bring to bear on the marketplace.

I also understand that the transaction does not pose any threat to competition. The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division has reviewed the approved the transaction.

The benefits of this transaction are clear -- investment, job creation, an improved telecommunications infrastructure for rural America, more choices for consumers, and increased competition.

Respectfully,

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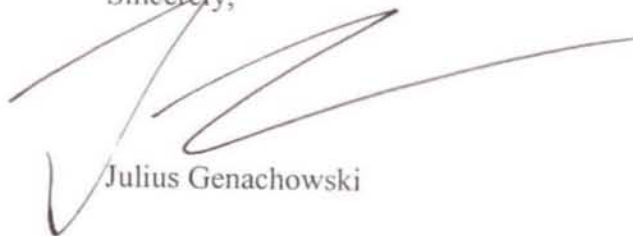
Dear Congressman Lamborn:

Thank you for your letter urging prompt approval of AT&T's acquisition from Verizon Wireless of FCC licenses and authorizations associated with 79 markets. These authorizations are being divested by Verizon Wireless in connection with its acquisition of ALLTEL Corporation. As you note, many of the authorizations at issue in this proceeding concern wireless operations in rural areas.

On June 22, 2010, the Commission adopted a *Memorandum Opinion and Order* approving the transaction with conditions. To ensure that approval of this transaction serves the public interest, the Commission adopted several conditions, including conditions relating to roaming, preservation of service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and a commitment by AT&T to divest 15 megahertz of spectrum in one Michigan market. The Commission expects that this transaction will benefit consumers, particularly throughout much of rural America, by giving them access to an array of additional service offerings.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski